

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on December 8, 2004. The Examiner did not consider the foreign patent document (i.e., EP 1 107 128 A1) and the non-patent document (i.e., Monika Henzinger, "Web Information Retrieval - an Algorithmic Perspective"). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these documents, initial at the appropriate place on the Form 1449, and return a copy of the Form 1449 with the next communication.

In the non-final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 54-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Masters (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0198875). The Examiner identified claims 1-53 as containing allowable subject matter. The Examiner objected to claims 58-63 as dependent upon a rejected base claim and indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 54-57 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 58 and 61 to independent form.

Because no other issues remain, Applicants respectfully request the immediate allowance of pending claims 1-53 and 58-63.

If the Examiner does not believe that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of this application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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